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#### STILL BLOCKED BY ICE.

Says Port Mulgrave Correspondent of Strait of Canso.

Although the Dominion government report of early this week reported the strait of Canso clear of ice, a letter to the Times from its Port Mulgrave correspondent dated Sunday states that there is a solid ice jam across the strait and that from Cape Jack out north, the water is full of heavy ice.

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#### FIRST FLITCHER.

Sch. Henry M. Stanley Sailed for Far North This Forenoon.

Sch. Henry M. Stanley, Capt. Henry Arsenault, sailed this forenoon for the waters of the frozen north, on a flitched halibut trip, being the first of the fleet to get away.

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#### DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

##### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Alcina, via Boston, 17,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Catherine Burke, Boston.

##### Todays Fish Market.

Board of Trade fresh fish prices: large west cod, \$2.37 1-2; medium do., \$1.62 1-2; large eastern cod, \$2.12 1-2; medium do., \$1.50; snapper do., 60c; cusk, \$1.62 1-2; snapper do., 50c; haddock, \$1.10; hake, \$1.10; pollock, \$1.

Board of Trade salt fish prices: Large Georges handline cod, \$4.75; medium do., \$3.75; salt haddock, \$2; salt pollock, \$2; salt hake, \$2; salt cusk, \$2.50.

Bank halibut, 9 cts. per lb. for white and 6 1-2 cts. or gray.

Rips salt cod, \$4.25 per cwt. for large, \$3.25 for medium, and \$2.25 for snappers.

##### Boston.

Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, 35,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 3000 hake, 6000 cusk.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 7000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Ida M. Sylva, 5000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Esther Gray, 4000 haddock, 20,000 cod.

Sch. Lizzie B. Foster, 3500 cod.

Sch. Albert Geiger, 7000 haddock, 13,000 cod.

Sch. Massasoit, 10,000 haddock, 7000 cod.

Sch. Fish Hawk, 12,000 cod.

Sch. H. C. Newhall, 8000 haddock, 4200 cod.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 4000 haddock, 200 cod.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 2000 haddock, 7000 cod.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 3000 cod.

Haddock, \$1.50 to \$1.75; large cod, \$2.50; market cod, \$1.50 to \$2.

##### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Argo will now fit for south seining under command of Capt. Burns Firth.

Sch. Horace B. Parker was at Canso, N. S., on Tuesday.

Steamer Joppaite of Newburyport is at this port for south mackerel netting.

The auxiliary sch. Dorcas of Cape Porpoise, Me., is at this port and Capt. Richard Numan, after putting her on the Rocky Neck railways, will fit her for south mackerel netting.

Sloop Esther Madeliene will now fit for shore cod netting.

Some of the shackers are now taking some salt, getting ready for a salt and fresh trip to the eastward.

Sch. Gladys and Sabra, to fit for Rips.

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#### EDGARTOWN NEWS.

Several Vessels Got Their Bait There Recently.

A special to the Times from Edgartown states that schs. Niagara, Tecumseh, William H. Rider, Ella G. King, Fannie A. Smith and Kineo baited and sailed from there on Wednesday and Thursday. Sch. Waldo L. Stream arrived there Thursday for bait.

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#### INTERESTING CASE.

Gloucester Fishermen Accused of Pillaging Nets.

First Complaint of Kind Made to Federal Authorities.

A big gathering of Gloucester fishermen was present in the equity court room of the federal building, Boston, yesterday, when the cases of Capt. Edward Stanley of the sch. Nokomis, and Capt. Roland Brewer of sch. M. Madeleine, both of this city, were given a hearing before Commissioner Hayes on the charge of larceny of fish on the high seas from the nets of Fred E. Proctor of the fishing sch. Freedom, off Plymouth on March 27.

The case is one of considerable interest, as it is the first time that a complaint of this kind has been made to the federal authorities in this district. The hearing went on all day, and is unfinished.

Proctor, who was the only witness heard, testified that he went down to his nets on the morning of March 27, and he saw two dories from the trawlers near his nets. One of the nets was pulled up over the gunwale of Stanley's dory in the manner used in getting the fish out of the meshes. When he came up near the nets, the dories pulled away to the trawlers, and they hoisted sail and made off. Proctor found his nets torn and snarled, and relieved of what fish had become entangled in them.

In cross-examination he said that Brewer's trawls were within 250 yards of his nets. He had 27 nets set about five miles north of Plymouth.

To the untutored, Proctor gave a very interesting and comprehensive description of the method used in netting fish. The old salts in the audience appeared restless during his detailed descriptions of technical points, but they waxed enthusiastic over legal point disputes between Assistant District Attorney Garland and Lawyers Burnham, who appeared for Stanley and M. J. McNeirney, Esq., who appeared for Brewer.

The case was continued until Thursday when the arguments will be made.

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#### MARCH FISH RECEIPTS.

Quantities Landed at This Port and Boston During Month.

The Bureau of Fisheries reports that for the month of March 2,832,013 pounds of fresh fish valued at \$77,151 and 112,930 pounds of salt fish valued at \$5,135 were landed at this port and 6,893,700 pounds of fresh fish valued at \$218,878 landed at Boston.

The number of trips received at this port was 541, and the receipts included 1,471,36 lbs. fresh cod, valued at \$37,109,111,504 lbs. salt cod, valued at \$5105, 23,651 lbs. cusk, valued at \$381, 1,110,844 lbs. haddock, valued at \$19,888, 20,460 lbs. pollock, valued at \$314, 1658 lbs. fresh pollock, valued at \$32, 1426 lbs. salt pollock, valued at \$30, and 204,130 lbs. fresh halibut, valued at \$19,427.

The number of trips reported in Boston was 422, and the receipts included 1,715,500 lbs. fresh cod, valued at \$59,292, 142,100 lbs. cusk, valued at \$3696, 4,705,400 lbs. haddock, valued at \$141,787, 286,000 lbs. hake, valued at \$10,779, 18,100 lbs. fresh pollock, valued at \$727, and 26,500 lbs. fresh halibut, valued at \$2597.

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#### ICE JAM PARTED.

Strait of Canso Free But Ice Still Solid Outside.

A special to the Times from its Port Mulgrave correspondent, dated Thursday, states that on Wednesday the ice jam in the strait of Canso parted and went out to the northward. The letter also states that outside and around Cape Breton everywhere there is a solid field of ice.

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#### Pollock Trip Sold.

The fare of fresh pollock seined on the Maine coast by sch. Dauntless, which arrived here this morning, was sold to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co.

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#### WEARING A MAST HOOP.

Blue Shark Captured by Provincetown Fishing Sloop.

That even fish meet accidents is shown by the exhibition of a shark in the window of the Iver Johnson's Sporting Goods Company, Washington street, Boston, where may be seen a blue shark with a mast hoop of some ill-fated vessel lodged between the dorsal and ventral fins.

The demon of the deep was caught in the meshes of a net belonging to Capt. P. Wood of the fishing sloop Handy Andy, of Provincetown, who when hauling in his trawl was obliged to fight for his life.

At the time of the catch the fish measured six feet four inches in length, but since curing and mounting has shrunk to less than five feet.

How the pointed nosed shark became encircled by the 14 inch mast hoop of oak is a mystery.

That it has been worn for a long period is evident from the fact that the frontal bone of the dorsal fin has been literally worn away and it has considerably cut into the surrounding smaller bones.

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#### BOND IN CONFERENCE.

To Have Series of Talks with Lord Elgin in London.

A St. John's N. F., despatch of Thursday to Boston said:

"The colonial government officials here say that Sir Robert Bond's conference in London yesterday with Lord Elgin regarding the American fisheries question was only the first of a series of discussions which it is hoped will result in the adjustment of the entire matter.

"The officials here expect that the negotiations will be protracted and that a solution of the question will be difficult on account of the firm stand taken by Newfoundland and the conciliatory attitude of the British cabinet toward the United States."

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#### Mackerel Notes.

The total importations of salt mackerel at the port of Boston for the season to date have been 41,605 bbls. against 45,246 bbls. in 1906, 30,322 bbls. in 1905 and 48,485 bbls. in 1904.

The shipments of Irish mackerel from Liverpool, Eng., to America for the season to date have been 49,376 bbls. against 66,612 bbls. in 1906, 69,268 bbls. in 1905 and 67,504 bbls. in 1904.

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#### Bait Scarce Down East.

Fresh bait is once more scarce down east.

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#### DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

##### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Esther Gray, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Dauntless, Maine Coast, seining, 60,000 lbs. fresh pollock.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, via Boston.

Sch. Pythian, Georges, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.

##### Todays Fish Market.

Board of Trade fresh fish prices: large west cod, \$2.37 1-2; medium do., \$1.62 1-2; large eastern cod, \$2.12 1-2; medium do., \$1.50; snapper do., 60c; cusk, \$1.62 1-2; snapper do., 50c; haddock, \$1.10; hake, \$1.10; pollock, \$1.

Board of Trade salt fish prices: Large Georges handline cod, \$4.75; medium do., \$3.75; salt haddock, \$2; salt pollock, \$2; salt hake, \$2; salt cusk, \$2.50.

Bank halibut, 9 cts. per lb. for white and 6 1-2 cts. or gray.

Rips salt cod, \$4.25 per cwt. for large, \$3.25 for medium, and \$2.25 for snappers.

Market price large western cod to split, \$2.50 per cwt., medium do., \$1.62 1-2.

Large eastern cod, \$2.25, medium do., \$1.50.

Market price fresh large Rips cod, \$2.50 per cwt., medium do., \$1.50.



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**Boston.**

Sch. Vera, 23,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 1000 hake, 2000 cusk.  
 Sch. Juniata, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod.  
 Steamer Ida, 1000 haddock, 200 cod.  
 Sch. Eva Avina, 4000 cod.  
 Sch. City of Everett, 1500 haddock, 1500 cod.  
 Sch. Minerva, 2500 haddock, 500 cod.  
 Sch. Diana, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod.  
 Sch. Dixie, 5000 cod.  
 Haddock, \$2 to \$2.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.75; market cod, \$2.

**Fishing Fleet Movements.**

Capt. William Doyle will now fit sch. Catherine Burke for shacking.  
 Sch. Stranger will fit for seuth netting under command of Capt. Keefe.  
 Sch. Hope will continue market fishing under command of Capt. James Cunningham.

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**Strait of Canso Ice News.**

A Port Mulgrave message of Thursday says, "Ice jam came in today. Strait solid full. A St. Pierre fishing schooner came in with the ice and is safe at anchor."

A Port Hawkesbury message, also on Thursday, says: "After clear navigation on the Strait of Canso all winter the jam at the northern entrance broke yesterday and the ice in North Bay scattered some. The schooner Lorraine of Newfoundland passed north yesterday evening, but came back this morning among the drift ice and anchored in the harbor."

"The strait is full of ice, but a couple of days of southwesterly wind would open navigation north."

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**Bait News.**

The Nelson Ice and Bait Co., telegraphs that they have 2000 bushels of mixed bait in traps in vicinity of Boothbay Harbor.  
 Alewives are reported at Mattapoisett and Seacomet.

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**DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.****Today's Arrivals and Receipts.**

Sch. Vera, via Boston, 33,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
 Sch. Morning Star, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
 Sch. Elmer E. Gray, Maine coast, seining, 7000 lbs. fresh pollock.  
 Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.  
 Sch. A. C. Newhall, shore.  
 Sch. Juniata, shore.

**Boston.**

Sch. Rose Standish, 7000 haddock, 2000 cod.  
 Sch. Good Luck, 20,000 cod.  
 Sch. George H. Lube, 4000 haddock, 3000 cod, 7000 cusk.  
 Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., 20,000 cod.  
 Sch. Pearl, 3500 haddock.  
 Sch. Ignatius Enos, 5000 cod.  
 Sch. Azorian, 4000 cod.  
 Sch. Laura Enos, 3000 cod.  
 Steamer Ida, 1500 haddock, 1500 cod.  
 Sch. J. F. McMoraw, 1400 haddock, 1300 cod.  
 Steamer Water Witch, 20,000 cod.  
 Sch. Morning Star, 1400 cod.  
 Sch. Maud F. Silva, 12,000 haddock, 3000 cod.  
 Sch. Emily Cooney, 6000 haddock, 4000 cod, 7000 cusk.  
 Sch. Emerald, 16,000 haddock, 1000 cod.  
 Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod.  
 Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 3000 haddock.  
 Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 12,000 haddock, 1000 cod.  
 Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 15,000 haddock, 3000 cod.  
 Sch. William A. Morse, 3000 haddock, 4000 cod.  
 Sch. Mary C. Santos, 5500 haddock, 1000 cod.  
 Sch. Teresa and Alice, 13,000 haddock, 5000 cod.  
 Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, 14,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 4000 cusk.  
 Sch. Lucy B., 1000 haddock.  
 Haddock, \$2.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$3; market cod, \$1.75; cusk, \$2.

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**Fishing Fleet Movements.**

Sch. Gladiator arrived at Canso last Friday and schs. Margaret, A. E. Whyland, Arkona and Essex sailed from there the same day.  
 Sch. Ella M. Goodwin was at Liverpool, N. S., Thursday.  
 Schs. Tattler, Maxine Elliott and Ralph Russell were at Lockport, N. S., last Thursday to ship men.

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**HOVE DOWN  
BY SQUALL.****Sch. A. M. Nicholson Struck  
with Whole Sail On.****CREW WERE OUT IN BOAT.****Small Seine Washed from Deck  
and Half of It Lost.**

A letter received here yesterday from Capt. Solomon Jacobs of sch. A. M. Nicholson of the southern mackerel seining fleet tells of losing half of one of his seines and of the remarkable escape of his crew from being swamped in the seineboat.

The accident happened one night during the last part of April. It was quite rough, but there were some fish showing and the seineboat dropped off to a school, having the large seine in the boat.

While they were out a fierce squall came up quickly and unheralded, and striking the vessel before the sails could be let run, hove her down so badly that the small seine, which was piled on deck, forward of the cabin house, was washed overboard to leeward.

The same squall also struck the men in the seineboat, but fortunately they had not set their seine. If they had been caught with it out, a sad catastrophe would probably have resulted, as the boat probably would have been swamped unless the seines could have been got clear of her quickly. As it was they had a very rough time for a while, but finally succeeded in rowing back to the vessel.

After being hove down, the Nicholson quickly righted, and when the crew came alongside in the seineboat they found about all the seines dragging in the water over the side. They at once took hold and tried to get it back, but it was so tangled and torn that it was a hard task. They worked on it for several hours and succeeded in getting only half of it back. It was what is known as the "small" seine, and was 1000 meshes deep.

After the accident Capt. Jacobs went into Fort Hancock and from there telegraphed to Mr. Clarence E. Elwell to get another ready for him, which will be done in the quickest possible time.

It is bad enough to lose half of a seine when the vessel is on the fishing ground, but Capt. Jacobs is probably thankful it was no worse.

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**FIRST BANKER HOME.****Sch. S. P. Willard Arrives with  
120,000 Pounds Salt Cod.**

Sch. S. P. Willard, Capt. John McInnis, arrived home this forenoon from her salt bank trip, being the first salt banker of the season to return, with 120,000 pounds of salt cod.

In accordance with his idea when he started away very early, Capt. McInnis is home early, the vessel who will now be taken by Capt. Augustus Peterson, who will go flitching in her, while the former will now fit his old favorite, sch. Aloha, from the same firm, Cunningham & Thompson.

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**ROOT MAY RESIGN.****Reported Not in Accord with  
President on Some Matters.****Withdrawal at This Time Would  
Be a Loss to Fishing Interest.**

A Washington despatch of yesterday says that: "Elihu Root, secretary of state, has ceased to be the chief adviser and closest official friend of President Roosevelt, and it is clearly apparent that he will not hereafter be prominent in shaping national policies. The seeming breach has begun to provoke comment and it is believed that Mr. Root will not much longer be in the cabinet."

"Secretary Root is known to be out of tune with many of President Roosevelt's radical policies. He is inclined to conservatism, especially where wealthy men and corporations are concerned. He does not believe that capital should be too closely pushed, even though it win the approval of the masses."

The resignation of Mr. Root at this time would be quite a loss to Gloucester. No man in the country is so familiar with her position relative to the fishery troubles with Newfoundland as he, and none have made a more exhaustive study of the various treaties affecting our fishing rights and particularly the treaty of 1818. Under his guidance, a final settlement of all out fishery disputes was expected within the next year, and his withdrawal now and the appointment of a new man would certainly delay the matter, if not cause it to be reopened from the start and gone all over again. Mr. Root has shown himself favorable to the fishing interests of New England in many of his official acts.

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**DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.****Today's Arrivals and Receipts.**

Sch. Cavalier, Grand Bank, 42,000 lbs. halibut, 1000 lbs. salt cod.  
 Sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon, Georges, 15,000 lbs. halibut, 40,000 lbs. fresh cusk, 15,000 lbs. salt fish.  
 Sch. Speculator, LaHave bank, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
 Sch. Ella M. Goodwin, La Have Bank, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
 Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, La Have Bank, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.

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Market price fresh large Rips cod, \$2.50 per cwt., medium do., \$1.80.

**Boston.**

Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 16,000 haddock, 2000 cod.  
 Sch. Reliance, 2000 haddock, 4000 cod.  
 Sch. Yankee, 1000 haddock, 9000 cod.  
 Sch. Olivia Sears, 11,000 haddock.  
 Sch. Mattakesett, 13,000 haddock, 3000 cod.  
 Sch. Viking, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod.  
 Sch. Flayilla, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod.  
 Sen. Marion, 7000 haddock.  
 Sch. Venus.  
 Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 10,000 haddock.  
 Sch. Rose Dorothea, 8000 haddock, 3000 cod.  
 Sch. Jessie Costa, 2000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 5000 halibut.  
 Sch. Clara G. Silva, 30,000 haddock, 35,000 cod, 2000 halibut.  
 Sch. Philip P. Manta, 18,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.  
 Sch. Valentina, 12,000 cod.  
 Sch. Motor, 9000 cod.  
 Sch. Frances V. Silva, 10,000 haddock, 5000 cod.